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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated July 26, 2002 in the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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In the Claims:

Please replace claim 33 with the following:

~~33.~~ (Twice Amended) A probe system comprising:

an elongate member with a distal end and a proximal end;

a handle at the proximal end of the elongate member;

an electrode deployment device positioned at least partially in the elongate member and including at least one retractable electrode that is adapted to be inserted into tissue, is adapted to penetrate tissue, and is adapted to extend to a selected mass, said at least one retractable electrode having a non-deployed state when positioned in the elongate member and being preformed to assume a curved shape when deployed; and

wherein the at least one electrode is advanceable in and out of the elongate member.